

ALDFORD AND SAIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Council held on WEDNESDAY 5 MAY 2021 AT 7.15PM virtually via Zoom.

Present: Cllr M Davies, Cllr N Goodwin, Cllr K Jones, Cllr A Cotton, Cllr B Roscoe, Cllr D Weaver.

In Attendance: Ward Cllr P Roberts, C Taylor (Clerk), A Farbon and S Dawson (Grosvenor Estate), one member of the public.

I. RESIGNATION.

The resignation of Cllr P Cummins from the Parish Council in his capacity both as Chairman and Councillor was regrettably accepted. Cllr Cummins has been a long standing much respected member of the Parish Council who has worked tirelessly to represent and support the community. He will be missed.

Resolved: The Clerk to begin the process of recruiting a new Member.

2.ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Cllr M Davies – Nominated by Cllr D Weaver, Seconded by Cllr A Cotton.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.

The Chairman signed the Acceptance of Office.

4. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

Cllr N Goodwin – Nominated by Cllr B Roscoe, Seconded by Cllr A Cotton.

5.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr J Roscoe.

6.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Members were invited to declare any personal, prejudicial or pecuniary interests they may have in any item on the agenda, subject to the rules regarding disclosure contained in the current Members' Code of Conduct and as defined by regulations made under section30(3) of the Localism Act 2011.

No declarations made.

7.PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. Nothing raised.

8.POLICE UPDATE.

Police report circulated prior to the meeting. Grosvenor Estate expressed their gratitude to the Rural Crime Team for providing A boards following the release of the revised Countryside Code.

9. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

i) Cllr Roberts extended thanks to the Estate for the litter picking they had carried out on the B5130.

ii) Repair of Aldford Bridge: Advance closure signs would be in place. The Estate thanked Cllr Roberts for his work/communications during the bridge repair and for liaising with CWAC etc and residents. They further informed that when the road was under closure, they would be replacing the fence in the layby by the dry arch bridge.

iii) Footway at Sandy Lane, Saughton: A complaint had been received regarding the finish.

iv) Speed limit on Sandy lane needed to be 30mph extending South and 20 mph opposite the school entrance. It was suggested that the speed gun could be used to capture data to support this.

10. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting of 17th March 2021 were approved as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr N Goodwin Seconded: Cllr D Weaver.

11. MATTERS ARISING.

i) Grosvenor Estate reported that the gullies were in need of jetting outside Leylandii Cottage/before Saughton Hall Farm. Resolved: Estate to email Cllr Roberts requesting that he chase progress.

12. APPROVAL OF STATUTORY DOCUMENTS.

i) CWAC Code of Conduct ii) Standing Orders

iii) Financial Regulations / Appointment of Signatories iv) Risk Assessment

Resolved: To readopt and approve unchanged.

Proposed: Cllr B Roscoe Seconded: Cllr M Davies.

13. ACCOUNTS.

Resolved: That the payment of salaries and expenses, the payment of invoices for goods received and services rendered be approved and the receipts and balances be noted.

Proposed: Cllr B Roscoe Seconded: Cllr D Weaver.

The Clerk advised that CWAC had still not recharged for the Speed Limit Assessments despite it being brought to their attention again.

14. ANNUAL AUDIT.

i) Noted: Internal Audit concluded by Hacker Young.

ii) Approved and signed by Chair: Annual Statement of Accounts Part 1.

iii) Approved and signed by Chair: Annual Statement of Accounts Part 2.

iv) Resolved: To declare Smaller Authorities Exemption from external audit.

v) Resolved: To Appoint Hacker Young as Internal Auditor for 2021/2022.

Proposed: Cllr B Roscoe Seconded: Cllr N Goodwin.

15. ANNUAL INSURANCE.

Approved: Insurance schedule to be renewed unchanged with effect from 1 June 2021.

16. PLANNING.

Noted that all planning applications had been circulated to members between meetings. Cllr Roberts reminded Members that he had the ability to ask for an application to be determined by the Planning Committee instead of the Planning Officers and any concerns should be raised with him.

17. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

i)CWAC Community Resilience Plan: Resolved: Aldford and Saighton to follow Farndon Parish Councils progress with their making of a plan.

ii)MHCLG: Electronic Communications Infrastructure Consultation: Resolved: Noted.

iii)DCMS: Rural Broadband Consultation: Resolved: Noted. Cllr Roberts advised that CWAC were being urged to co ordinate the approach to Broadband providers to offer an improved service to communities that were struggling with connectivity issues. The member of public in attendance advised that while Saighton did have superfast Broadband BT had been advising callers that it didn't. Should anyone wish to speak to the relevant department within BT, the special fibre team, he had contact numbers to share.

iv)Chalc: High Court ruling confirming cessation of virtual meetings with effect from 7 May 2021.Resolved: Noted.

18. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

i)Flooding reported across the road at Aldford Hall (left hand bend towards Churton on left hand side of road). **Resolved:** Clerk to report.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

i) Cllr Roscoe expressed concern regarding dog fouling in the wood at Saighton. Cllr Goodwin reminded that there was a bin at Millfield Lane but reported that it was not being used. **Resolved:** Cllr Goodwin to remind people via the village Facebook page of the need to pick up and that there was a fine for not doing so.

ii)Aldford Village noticeboard reported as being in need of repair. The Estate confirmed that it was currently logged with the workshop for repair.

20. RESOLVED: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: THURSDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.15PM AT SAIGHTON VILLAGE HALL.